



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE October 1, 2012

New CTE Professionals Workshop

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 17, in Billings prior to the beginning of the 2012 Montana ACTE Institute. This New CTE Professionals Workshop is a **free** professional development opportunity designed specifically for CTE professionals in their first, second, or third year in the classroom.

This professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with less than four years of experience, with information on a variety of topics essential for success in the CTE classroom including:

- Montana's Big Sky Pathway Initiative and the Development of Programs of Study,
- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development,
- Professional organizations,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career and Technical Student Organizations

The workshop will be held at the Montana State University—Billings Conference Center Downtown (214 North Broadway) from 8 am to 4 pm. The training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to six OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Workshop, including a schedule of events, are currently posted on the *Updates—Latest CTE Info* page of the Secondary CTE area of the OPI website (www.opi.mt.gov).

Registration must be submitted **by October 8, 2012**, online at the following link:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FKDN7ZH>.

For more information, please contact the appropriate CTE program specialist:

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CTE Fall Data Collection is now OPEN

The fall CTE data collection begins on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2012. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated last year (2011-2012 school year) must be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and have their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) Infinite Campus data system. Schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE data collection are located on the OPI Secondary CTE web page under 'Data Collections' and located here: http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6. PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to



verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted the previous spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2012, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or e-mail opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail dfiedler@mt.gov.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

FFA

October is a busy month for Agricultural Education and FFA. This month everyone will be gearing up and doing final preparations for National FFA Convention. However, before we can even think of convention we have lots going on. October 16th students will be in Billings competing at the NILE in Livestock Evaluation and Agricultural Sales Career Development Events. Along with competing in FFA many students will be in Billings the whole week of October 15th for the NILE showing animals for FFA and 4-H.

October is also when FFA chapters begin their district Career Development Events. Districts are a way for students to qualify to be on a state team in many different areas.

Then as we round out the month hundreds of Montana FFA members, advisors, school administrators and parents will be headed to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 85th National FFA Convention. Montana will have 21 national teams competing, along with several proficiency application, band and choir members and talent participants. While at convention FFA members will attend sessions with motivational speakers, workshops to enhance leadership skills and relax and have fun with a hypnotist and a concert by the Band Perry.

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Business Education

Business Professionals of America

The Montana association of Business Professionals of America was honored by Special Olympics Montana during their 2012 Distinguished Service Awards Banquet in Great Falls, September 22, 2012. Montana BPA received the 2012 Outstanding Organization of the Year award from Special Olympics Montana. This is a great honor for the members and advisors of Montana BPA and is a testament to the supportive relationship between Montana BPA and Special Olympics Montana. Attending the banquet representing Montana BPA included Montana BPA State President Nicole Moore (Sidney High School), State Vice President Ashley Kerkaert (Shields Valley High School), Shields Valley High School Chapter President Jordan Amaro, Shields Valley High School chapter advisor Mrs. Mitzi Richards, Cascade High School chapter advisor Ms. Linda Cotton, and Montana BPA State Advisor and the OPI Business Education Specialist, Mr. Eric Swenson.



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This is the second time Montana BPA has been recognized by Special Olympics Montana in as many months. During the 2012 Montana BPA State Executive Board of Directors meeting in August, Special Olympics Montana presented Montana BPA with Bronze Medal Sponsor award for 2012.

Montana DECA

This October, Montana DECA Advisors will be working with their students as they look to kick-off several on-line challenges and events. Some students will participate in the Virtual Business Challenge, where they can operate a computerized business simulation in either a restaurant, retail or sports franchise.

Students will have the opportunity to manage specific marketing and business concepts, interpret financial information and reports and post scores online to see how they rank with other students across the country and internationally. The first Virtual Business Challenge launches on October 22nd.

Students will also have an opportunity to compete in the H&R Block Dollars and Sense Challenge. As the name implies, H&R Block sponsors this event for DECA. Students will manage personal finance concepts, interpret actions, charts and graphs to make strategic financial decisions and optimize net worth. They too can compare scores online to students across the globe. The top two teams in each region will be given stipend dollars to attend ICDC in Anaheim, CA in April 2013. The top finishers will receive substantial scholarship monies. The H&R Block Dollars and Sense Challenge also starts on October 22nd.

Finally, students and schools involved in a School-based Enterprise, can enter a new contest this year. The contest involves creating a 30-second video commercial for their SBE on You-Tube. Videos must be submitted by October 26th. The top three teams will win items from DECA Images and Otis Spunkmeyer.

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Family and Consumer Sciences educators are back in session and off to a good start. Between our first year teachers, adding in new technology, marketing the programs, and collaborating with other teachers on new units and projects, FCS educators are making use of the things they learned this summer at professional development opportunities. With the Montana ACTE Institute coming up October 17 – 18 in Billings, all FCS educators are encouraged to attend as the institute will be packed with information useful for your programs. For more information, please visit the Montana ACTE website at www.montanaacte.org.

Montana FCCLA

From September 30 until October 3, two state officers and one chapter adviser from Montana will be traveling to Washington, DC for National FCCLA's Capitol Leadership Training. They will join youth leaders from across the country at the nation's capitol to develop their leadership skills, learn about government relations, and meet with our elected officials.



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Montana FCCLA is offering our second Leadership Institute training to members in grades 9 to 11 on October 12 – 14 in Bozeman. For more information, click on the Leadership Institute Information and Registration PDF found here: <http://www.mtfcccla.org/events.html>.

District and state officers are busy planning for each district's Fall Meeting. For more information on your district's meeting, please contact the state officer from your district. Here are the dates and locations:

District	Date	Location
1	TBD	Choteau
2	TBD	Bozeman
3	TBD	Havre
4	October 2	Shepherd
5	November 6	Glendive
6/7	TBD	Missoula
8	October 10	Glasgow
9	November 6	Lewistown
10	November 7	Billings
11	November 6	Dillon

For updates throughout the year, please follow [Montana FCCLA](#) on Facebook!

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Health Sciences Education

Montana HOSA



Our CTSO, Health Occupations Students of America, went through a re-branding and we are now known as **HOSA-Future Health Professionals**. We ended last school year with 13 chapters and as of today, we have 13 new high school and 2 new college chapters for 2012-13! Our first Fall Leadership meeting will take place on October 18th at Helena High for all chapter officers. This is when we update the chapters on new competitive events or changes to events and we establish plans of work for each chapter. Chapter advisors have separate sessions on leadership activities and Big Sky Pathways in health science.

Health Science programs have been off to a great start with an additional \$3,000 grant from Montana Healthcare to pay for a traveling "Simulation Man laboratory" and mentorship program for new health science teachers. The MT Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committee has completed a workforce document on the future of our healthcare workforce in MT. For an in-depth look at this document, go to: <http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec.html> and click on Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committee. This work is critical to the understanding of workforce needs throughout the state.



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In addition to reading and approving Perkins E-grants, I attended three college fairs in Lewistown, Great Falls and Cut Bank to personally visit with high school students interested in pursuing a career in health. I traveled to Browning, Sunburst, Valier and Kalispell for Perkins Monitoring visits and came away with the knowledge that our students are in very capable hands!

Next month I will be attending the Bi-Annual National Health Science Curriculum Conference in Salt Lake City with a number of health science teachers from across the state.

Here's to your good health!

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No update at this time.

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